

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following section on page 1, beneath the title of the invention:

“CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is related to the commonly assigned applications entitled “Foil-Type Switching Element with Multi-Layered Carrier Foil” (Attorney Docket No. ETF-0024), filed concurrently herewith, in the name of Driss Chabach, et al., which is the U.S. National Stage of application PCT/EP2003/050963 having an International Filing Date of 8 December 2003, and “Foil-Type Switching Element” (Attorney Docket No. ETF-0025), filed concurrently herewith, in the name of Werner Bieck, et al., which is the U.S. National Stage of application PCT/EP2003/050961 having an International Filing Date of 8 December 2003 incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.”

Replace the subtitle before the first complete paragraph with the following:

”~~Introduction~~TECHNICAL FIELD OF INVENTION”.

Please insert the following subtitle before the third paragraph on page 1, between lines 12 and 13:

“BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF RELATED ART”.

Please delete the subtitle “Object of the Invention” and the following paragraph at lines 9-10 on page 3.

Replace the subtitle before the third paragraph of page 3 as follows:

”~~General description of the invention~~BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION”.

Please replace the third paragraph on page 3 with the following rewritten version:

“The present invention provides~~This object is achieved by~~ a foil-type switching element according to claim 1. This foil-type switching element comprises a first carrier foil and a second carrier foil arranged at a certain distance from each other by means of a spacer, said spacer comprising at least one recess defining an active area of the switching element. At least two

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electrodes are arranged in the active area of the switching element between said first and second carrier foils in such a way that, in response to a pressure acting on the active area of the switching element, the first and second carrier foils are pressed together against the reaction force of the elastic carrier foils and an electrical contact is established between the at least two electrodes. According to the invention, the switching element further comprises a layer of dielectric material, said dielectric material being applied onto said first carrier foil between the carrier foil and an electrode arranged on said first carrier foil, said layer of dielectric material covering at least an electrode region of the first carrier foil which is delimited by a generally outer periphery of the electrode arranged on said first carrier foil.”

Replace the subtitle after the first paragraph on page 7 as follows:

~~”Detailed description with respect to the figures~~BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS”.

Insert the following subtitle before the last paragraph on page 7:

”DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION”.

Please delete the subtitle ”List of reference signs” and lines 19-26 following the subtitle on page 8 in their entirety.